RESIDENTIAL/NURSING HOME GUIDANCE 02/04/20



When to use PPE and when not to use PPE

When NOT to use a MASK



Standard approach for all residents



Follow normal protocols and guidelines

For example:

Undertaking cleaning duties

NO ADDITIONAL PPE NEEDED

Usual household products such as detergents & bleach are very effective on surfaces

Care workers washing resident's laundry

Do not shake dirty laundry before washing

Dirty laundry that has been in contact can be washed with other people's items.

Resident becomes unwell

Assess for symptoms of COVID-19

New continued cough & or fever may be accompanied by one or more:

- Head aches
- Tiredness
- Muscle ache
- Respiratory symptoms beside cough
- Gastrointestinal symptoms
- Loss of smell & taste

If present, contact GP for review or telephone conversation

GP Triggers Hot Drop PPE



10 Bed capacity for 3 days of PPE stock



Surgical Mask
Apron
Gloves

Key Principles

- Minimize close patient contact where possible
- Wash hands for at least 20 seconds before and after patient interaction
- Follow PPE stratification advice
 If any doubt discuss

Surgical Masks

Surgical masks significantly reduce the risk of the person wearing the mask contaminating others.

If a surgical mask becomes wet it needs to be changed

For a staff member the same Surgical mask can be used throughout the shift—i.e. does not need to be changed between patient interaction unless the mask becomes wet. If on a long day the mask should be changed after a break.